IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

rj-m06.notice of appeal

RAFAEL TORMES-ORTIZ

PETITIONER

CASE NO: 97 - 1618 (JP)

V.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW Petitioner **RAFAEL TORMES-ORTIZ** through the subscribing **ATTORNEY**, who very respectfully alleges and prays:

The appearing Petitioner wishes to appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, from the **Final Judgment** entered by the Court on **December** 20th, 2006. It is informed that on herein mentioned date was that the petitioner was able to contact the subscriber, in writing, requesting such mandate. It is further informed that the defendant will need for the United States Court of Appeals to appoint Counsel to handle the Petitioner's Appeal.

WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully requested that this Honorable Court take knowledge of the aforementioned.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 18th, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing motion with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will also notify A.U.S.A. MARIA DOMINGUEZ - VICTORIANO, Appellant Counsel TERESA

A. WALLBAUM and RAFAEL TORMES ORTIZ, Reg. #44128-080, USP/Max, POB

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 18th day of January of the year 2007.

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